



February 27, 2015

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Mt. SAC Class Pass Pilot Program Extension**

Recommendation

Approve the continuation of the Class Pass Pilot Program at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC).

Analysis

In March 2013 Foothill Transit's Executive Board approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mt. SAC that began the Class Pass Pilot program. The MOU between the college and Foothill Transit laid out details for a student rider program that began fall semester 2013, allowing all students registered in credit classes to take advantage of a free TAP card good on Foothill Transit local or Silver Streak service. The MOU outlined a pilot program lasting three semesters where Foothill Transit would incur all costs associated with the program. The college agreed to hold a student election during the final semester that would propose a fee to the students to fund the continuation of the program.

The election was successful, however the timing of the student vote this past November made it difficult for Mt. SAC's administration to implement the fee collection process prior to the beginning of the spring 2015 (the first semester the school was scheduled to begin reimbursement to Foothill Transit). When the student referendum passed, administration informed Foothill Transit it would be virtually impossible to implement the fee prior to Spring 2015 and that collection of the student fee will begin in fall 2015. In order to avoid an interruption in service during the spring semester that would negatively impact thousands of students, an option available to the Board is to have Foothill Transit fund the pilot program for one additional semester with Mt. SAC beginning the reimbursement in fall 2015.



Budget Impact

Funds collected from the college for the spring 2015 semester would have resulted in a reimbursement of approximately \$230,000 to Foothill Transit. With the extension of the pilot program reimbursement from the college will begin in fall of 2015.

Sincerely,

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Katie Gagnon
Special Projects Manager

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Doran J. Barnes
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